

## Rabin: Couldn't have refused to study end-of-war prospects

Jerusalem Post Staff  
Prime Minister Rabin last night defended the Government's agreement to probe end-of-war possibilities against his critics. He said last night that Israel could not possibly have refused to examine the prospects of negotiating an end-of-the-state-of-war, even though he expressed his surprise to U.S. leaders that they raised the proposal now, after ruling it out earlier as unattainable. Rabin said he was told in Washington, in reply to his query, that "times had changed."

Opening a major Alignment debate on the Government's policy in general and the end-of-the-state-of-war initiative in particular, Rabin encountered some criticism from Alignment doves in Mapam and Labour alike.

Rabin said he outlined some "geographical concepts" entailed in an Israeli guide pro quo to the new initiative in Washington, but gave no real details at last night's meeting, the first of a series of several attended by the Alignment faction in the Knesset, reinforced by the Labour Leadership Bureau "Rikuz," the Mapam leadership.

There was no difficulty in repeating Israel's former stand on an end-of-the-state-of-war arrangement in Sinai with Egypt, Rabin said. As for Syria, Israel could offer more than cosmetic withdrawals on the Golan, in return for such an arrangement, but would not descend from the Heights, even in return for full peace. He told U.S. leaders he could say nothing with regard to Jordan, but would have to consult his colleagues in Jerusalem, Rabin recalled.

He said the interim agreement with Egypt had left Egypt's motivation for war weakened. It had created a sort of new reality, hampering an Arab political-military alliance on pre-1973 lines. Moreover, it had left Israel in an easier position in the event of one Arab state provoking a deterioration toward war.

Israel had proposed reconvening the Geneva conference as the first step, Rabin said. However, the PLO stood in the way because the Soviet Union, contrary to the U.S., insisted on the PLO attending.

Rabin cautioned his colleagues that official American policy regarding the nature of peace, as well as peace borders, was remote from "moderate Israeli stands." The U.S. always refused to reach agreement with Israel on these points as long as such agreement was not acceptable to the Arabs as well.

The debate was attended by Meir Zarmi, who said in an impromptu aside that "he would withdraw his resignation as Party secretary if his demands were met."

Mapam secretary Meir Talmi, who opened the debate, agreed to the end-of-the-state-of-war initiative, though he doubted whether it really had substance. However, it was broken out in a few months, he did not want anybody to accuse Israel of not trying this demarche.

Talmi attacked the Government for not drafting an overall peace plan which would make it clear to the world finally, what Israel's position was. He accused the Government of dragging its feet in the hope that the U.S. presidential election would bring about a change for the better. In fact things would be still worse, he warned, and the present Government would become "a Government of surrender which the right wing will overthrow."

Yitzhak Navon (Labour) said a third state for the Palestinians was out of the question and anyway would solve no problems. However, tactically, Israel should declare its readiness to talk to any Palestinians who recognized Israel and accepted Resolution 242.

Navon caused something of a bombshell when he said he never supported Israeli settlement on the Golan, merely a military presence.

Aharon Yariv (Labour), former chief of intelligence, sharply opposed the idea of attempting an "end-of-the-state-of-war" initiative before trying peace. "Assuming the Arabs accept it — and of belligerency will remain the final arrangement," Yariv argued. He saw no reason to resort to "peace" as the ultimate goal, specifically mentioned in the three agreements Israel has signed with Egypt and Syria. "This is not a matter of legalistic niceties, but the essence of our relations with the Arabs," Yariv said.

Yariv's idea was that Israel must announce a clear "peace plan," complete with maps. "If the Arabs refuse it, we can still revert to the non-belligerency palliative," he added. However, when dealing with the Arabs, he said one should bear in mind that they speak in terms of "solution by stages: first, a return to the 1967 lines; then, to those of 1947." Yariv was wary lest the Arabs "intend to lead us into a trap" by accepting a sort of non-belligerency, when they regain control of most of the areas they want in "stage one."

Prime Minister Rabin maintained that "Israel does have a peace plan. Only it is not accepted by either the Arabs or the world. They do not even want to hear of the plan Talmi proposes."

Moche Carmel, former Minister of Transport, recommended Israel agree to the American initiative to lead us into a trap, as a way to try and defuse the tension in our area. But he warned that "no responsible man can assert that there is no real danger of war this year."

The discussion will be resumed on Monday, faction chairman Moche Wermann announced.

## House seen approving \$2.2b. aid

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
WASHINGTON. — The full House of Representatives is scheduled to take up today the foreign aid authorization bill, which includes some \$2.2b. in economic and military assistance for Israel. Congressional sources expect the House to approve the measure.

If approved today as expected, the House will take up the accompanying appropriations foreign aid bill tomorrow for a final vote. The House is also expected to approve this bill.

(Separate authorizations and appropriations bills are needed to provide foreign aid.)

Israel's supporters on Capitol Hill said that no attempt to reinstate the funds for the transitional quarter will be attempted on the House floor today, as some reports had indicated. These sources said that an attempt will later be made to reinstate the funds for the quarter — which include as much as \$550m. for Israel — in the programme during a House-Senate conference committee.

The Senate authorization version of the bill includes the special funding. But the House appropriation subcommittee rejected the proposal at the recommendation of the Ford administration.

Israeli supporters here are still hopeful that the funds can be restored, despite the administration's policy. The hope is that the administration will eventually support the funding, if first approved by Congress.

**George-Brown resigns — to join Solzhenitsyn**  
LONDON. — Lord George-Brown, a former Foreign Secretary, last night suddenly announced his resignation from the ruling Labour party, of which he was once deputy leader. The colourful and controversial politician said he was leaving the party because it had ceased to be the defender of individual freedoms.

Lord George-Brown, 61, has recently protested what he sees as a rise in the influence of left-wing extremists inside the party.

In a statement, he said he was now joining what he called the army of people who stood for freedom such as Soviet dissident Alexander Solzhenitsyn. (Reuters)

## Coroner finds soldiers committed suicide

TEL AVIV. — A military coroner ruled yesterday that two soldiers found dead in a military prison in January had "almost certainly" committed suicide. The two, Menahem Charikar and Elkan Nowgorkar, hanged themselves with bootlaces in the shower room of their cell in the Megiddo military prison on January 29, according to the inquest findings handed down by Ahuf-Mishne Gershon David in the Military Court of Appeals yesterday.

"I found no evidence to indicate in any way whatsoever that any external factor contributed significantly, or expedited their death," the coroner declared. He could therefore draw no other conclusion other than that the two had "almost certainly" committed suicide.

As to the motive, the coroner said that the two had behaved normally during the days preceding their death and "no one will ever know" what caused the sudden change and their decision to put an end to their lives. "They took their secret to the grave," he stated.

Ahuf-Mishne David blamed a "lack of communication" for a contradiction between evidence of a prison officer, identified as "Segen Ronnie" and a sergeant from the Ashkelon Town Major's office. The Sergeant, Samelet Tirza, said she had informed the officer by telephone a week before the deaths that Charikar's family had received a postcard from the soldier saying that he wanted to kill himself. She said Segen Ronnie told her that Charikar was well.

The coroner rejected the officer's denial that such a conversation had taken place, but found that there was no room to cast doubt on Segen

Ronnie's reliability and the contradiction resulted from "non-establishment of reliable communication" between them as to the exact contents of the conversation. Ahuf-Mishne David quoted Segen Ronnie's statement that if he had received such a call he would have conveyed the information to his superiors and taken the usual precautions.

Charikar and Nowgorkar, both privates, were sentenced to jail (Continued on page 2, col. 6)

## Union leader demands Barkai report now

TEL AVIV. — The Secretary of the Union of Government Employees, Haim Bernstein, yesterday threatened to fight for annual pay for all civil servants in the same grade unless the Barkai Committee publishes its recommendations by tomorrow.

Bernstein, in line with Histadrut policy, had said all parties should wait for the recommendations of a committee of economists headed by Prof. Haim Barkai. But the recommendations were overdue and the Secretary was apparently under pressure to stand by earlier union demands that the increments be given to all.

Some 18,000 government employees receive "specific allowances" and the other 42,000 workers want them too. The Committee is expected to recommend that no such allowances be granted this year.

## Massachusetts to the polls

BOSTON. — Massachusetts and Vermont voters went to the polls for their state primary presidential yesterday with Democrats searching for a favourite in a crowd of hopefuls.

The Massachusetts secretary of state said early voting — in snow-fall that covered most of the state — was heavy in Boston neighbourhoods embroiled in the city's housing controversy. From there, Gov. George Wallace of Alabama expected another northern industrial protest vote.

Massachusetts was the first 1976 primary for Wallace, Sen. Henry Jackson of Washington and Gov.

Milton Shapp of Pennsylvania. Officials counted on as many as 1 million votes in Massachusetts and 200,000 in Vermont.

Former Gov. Jimmy Carter of Georgia, who won last week in New Hampshire; Rep. Morris Udall of Arizona; Sen. Birch Bayh of Indiana; former Sen. Fred Harris of Oklahoma; and Sargent Shriver, the 1972 vice-presidential candidate, sought the 104 democratic convention delegates.

President Ford and Ronald Reagan were on the Massachusetts ballot, but neither campaigned in person. Only Ford was on the Vermont ballot. (UPI)

## \$20m. legacy was only a hoax

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
WASHINGTON. — Israel's consul-general in Chicago, Elud Avriel, yesterday branded as "complete nonsense" a report in an Israeli newspaper that a former German scientist had left \$20m. in his estate for Israel.

"I am sorry about the mistake," Avriel said. "It was complete nonsense. We were victims of a hoax."

The report, published yesterday in "Davar," in a dispatch from Washington, said that an Ernst Muller had authorized the prestigious Chicago law firm of Aaron, Aaron, Shimbreg and Hess, with the responsibility of providing the \$20m. to the State of Israel upon his death.

But the law firm yesterday denied they had ever heard of Muller or that the firm was involved in such a case. The Israeli consulate conceded it had been hoaxed, and that there was no truth to the report.

Telephone interviews yesterday with several Israeli officials in Chicago and other informed sources reveal the story of the hoax, which was labelled "in very bad taste" by Israeli officials.

Early on Monday afternoon, the Consulate in Chicago received a telephone call from a (Continued on page 2, col. 4)

## Gur warns of Eastern front danger

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
BEERSHEBA. — The eastern front formed by the rapprochement between Syria and Jordan is a more powerful one than the front with Egypt — and Israel must take into account the possible addition of Iraq there, the Chief of Staff said here yesterday.

Ray-Ahuf Mordechai Gur told students at the University of the Negev it was too early to assess the full significance of this rapprochement, which could influence the willingness of Syria and Jordan to go to war. However, he added, there are no signs of actual war preparations.

While the near future appears to promise a period of agreements being honored by Egypt, which has revised its armament system and reduced its army size, other Arab states are fast turning into giant arsenals of modern weaponry. Libya is already such an arsenal of Soviet weapons and Saudi Arabia and Kuwait are rapidly acquiring Western armaments of all types.

This is liable to give the Arab "conflict states" the benefit of both Russian and Western technologies, and Israel must, therefore, keep abreast with its technological developments.

But even as the IDF concentrates on improving its technological capabilities, Gur told the students, there are discussions in the General Staff on substantial reductions next year in the number of days reservists will have to serve.

## Syria to reject UN mandate in the Golan 'Doesn't mean war by May 30 expiry'

By ANAN SAFADI  
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent  
Syria has decided not to renew the mandate of the UN forces in the Golan at the end of May unless there is a major breakthrough in the Middle East, a reliable Western diplomatic source told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

By a "major breakthrough" the Syrians mean a new substantial Israeli pullback in the Golan Heights and a subsequent withdrawal in the West Bank, or a pledge for Israeli withdrawal to the pre-1967 war borders as well as recognition of the "rights of Palestinians to a homeland," the source stated.

He said the Syrians reiterated they will not conduct negotiations with Israel in any forum, including Geneva, unless Israel undertook to return to the 1967 lines. The source quoted one high-ranking Syrian official as saying, "The ball is in Israel's court." The same Syrian official also asserted that it was up to Jerusalem to make the next move to break the current

impasse in the Middle East. The Syrian attitude was reported to be the result of pressure by Syrian extremist elements on President Hafez Assad not to extend the UN mandate on the Golan when it expires on May 30.

The Post's informant said that this does not necessarily mean that Syria will resort to war by that date. He noted that "Syria will not go to war without Egypt, as much as Egypt will not make peace without Syria."

The same source recalled that Egyptian President Sadat made clear over the weekend that he was reluctant to involve his country in any war launched by Syria against Israel.

But he cautioned that Syrian extremists were banking on the newly-established alignment between Damascus and Amman and expecting Jordan — with the support of Saudi Arabia and Iraq — to serve as a substitute for Egypt in the event of hostilities.

It was noted that the Egyptians themselves are now pressing on the U.S. to achieve a purely military

"second disengagement" in the Golan rather than an interim settlement in which the Syrians would be reluctant to commit themselves to any political moves.

The Egyptians were said to be counting heavily on the Americans in the next move while realizing, however, that their calls for reconvening the Geneva parity might go unheeded in view of the growing coolness in U.S.-Soviet relations.

Meanwhile, the Egyptians today are to conclude three days of talks with UN Under-Secretary Roberto Guyer in Cairo. The UN official has already visited Israel, Jordan and Syria to "explore the prospects of getting the Middle East peace negotiations in motion again," the source pointed out.

But Dr. Guyer was seen returning to New York without any concrete proposals apart from the possible summoning of the Security Council to debate the "gravity" of the Middle East situation with the approach of the May 30 deadline. And a Council session by mid-May is dependent on what progress Washington makes in its Middle East activities.

## Ford, K 'serious' about Middle East moves

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
WASHINGTON. — American officials insisted yesterday that President Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger are "very serious" in their efforts to reach additional progress towards peace even during this presidential election year.

The officials said that Israel would be mistaken if it felt that current U.S. efforts to get negotiations of the ground were merely a device designed to show some semblance of "diplomatic momentum," but without real progress actually being achieved this year.

The officials' remarks suggest that Israel may come under increasing U.S. pressure as the year goes on to come up with some additional concessions, although Israeli officials here yesterday firmly denied that the Ford administration was currently pressuring Israel.

Israeli officials said that Kissinger and other top U.S. analysts were disturbed over the wide publicity given in Israel to the latest Cabinet decision to authorize the U.S. to explore additional partial accords with Egypt, Syria and Jordan ending the state of war. The Americans would have preferred more "quiet diplomacy."

In denying that Israel was already under U.S. pressure to come up with additional concessions, Israeli officials here said that the Americans had not as yet requested that any specific territorial withdrawals be proposed by Israel in exchange for a possible accord ending the state of war.

The officials said that Israeli Foreign Minister Allon, who has

been invited by Kissinger to stop over in Washington on March 12 for talks, has not been asked to arrive with any maps.

Ambassador Simcha Dinitz met for about an hour on Monday evening with Under-Secretary of State Joseph Sisco to review several "bilateral" issues, specifically arms and foreign aid.

Diplomatic sources here said that Dinitz and Sisco also touched upon the Middle East political situation, but that most of the talk was devoted to other issues.

American officials are becoming increasingly sensitive to what is feared here is Israel's determination to show only superficial signs of a willingness to make additional progress this year, while avoiding specific commitments before the November election.

## Senate c'tee approves Scranton for UN

WASHINGTON. — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday approved the nomination of William W. Scranton to be U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. Confirmation by the Senate is expected soon. (UPI)

(See Scranton, page 4)

## Wilson to Egypt on May 11

CAIRO. — British Prime Minister Harold Wilson will pay a four-day visit to Egypt on May 11, Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy announced yesterday. (Reuters)

## Assad says 'no' to end-of-war

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent  
Syrian President Hafez Assad yesterday said that he rejected Israel's proposal to end the state of war, adding that he would refuse to take it up with any party.

The official Syrian news agency quoted Assad as having told an Italian TV team that the Israel proposal sounded like "reading a book from the last page."

Assad said he still had plenty of time to announce his Government's position on the renewal of the mandate of the Golan-based UN peace-keeping force. He indicated that Syria would "keep the door open" for political discussions before announcing any refusal to extend the mandate at the end of May.

## Shafir, Adam change posts

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
BEERSHEBA. — Aluf Herzl Shafir yesterday took over as O/C Southern Command from Aluf Telutiel Adam, who replaces Aluf Shafir as head of the General Staff Branch — considered the army's number two post.

The two generals made the change in a parade held at the Southern Command headquarters. Both issued orders of the day praising each other's accomplishments in the post being vacated, and wishing each other luck in the new post. Both said the improvements in the quality of the men and equipment achieved in the past two years gave them a sense of confidence and security, and faith that all challenges can be met.

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Jerusalem	22	18-24	18-24
Golan	22	18-24	18-24
Nahariya	41	24-32	24-32
Safad	46	26-34	26-34
Haifa	38	24-32	24-32
Tiberias	32	14-24	14-24
Nazareth	39	12-22	12-22
Afula	35	14-24	14-24
Sharon	31	10-20	10-20
Tel Aviv	35	18-26	18-26
B-G Airport	28	16-26	16-26
Eilat	29	18-28	18-28
Beer Sheva	25	14-24	14-24
Silat	25	14-24	14-24
Firan	26	10-19	10-19

## Social and Personal

Karl Ravens, West German Minister of Housing, Town Planning and Building, called yesterday on Interior Minister, Dr. Josef Burg. He also toured Jerusalem.

The resident representative of the UN Development Programme and Mrs. Kenneth Luke last night gave a cocktail party in honour of Mr. Nils Lind, Director of the UN Information Centre for Greece, Israel and Cyprus. The party was attended by local dignitaries as well as by the Finnish ambassador, Matti Kahkonen, the Chief Coordinator of the UN peace-keeping missions in the Middle East, Lt. Gen. Eino Silasvuo and other high-ranking UN commanders.

Diplomats from 15 countries accredited to missions in Israel visited the Knesset yesterday where they heard a lecture from Knesset Clerk Yehoshua Lorch, and put questions to Ehud Olmert (Likud) and Moshe Shaleh (Alignment). They were entertained to lunch by the secretaries of Committees. The diplomats represent Australia, Burma, Britain, the Philippines, Japan, South Africa, Canada, Chile, Austria, Rumania, Finland, Denmark, the U.S., Italy and Turkey.

The Haifa Rotary Club will hold a business meeting at the Nof Hotel at 1 o'clock today.

Michael Zimmerman, writer and lecturer, will speak on "Israel's Information Policy" at the Jerusalem Rotary Club meeting at 1 o'clock today in the YMCA.

## ARRIVALS

Prof. Ernst Otto Fischer of the Technical University of Munich, Nobel Laureate in chemistry for 1973, to lecture at the Technion's Department of Chemistry.

## Sima Arlosoroff dies, aged 75

TEL AVIV. — Sima Arlosoroff, widow of the Labour Movement leader Haim Arlosoroff who was murdered in 1933, died here yesterday aged 75.

The Estonia-born Sima, née Rubin, came to Israel with her husband in 1924. As a chemist she worked with Chaim Weizmann at the Sief Institute — precursor of the Weizmann Institute — and later was an executive in Israel Radio, until her retirement a few years ago.

Sima Arlosoroff was a central figure in the storm which engulfed the Jewish community in Palestine following her husband's murder on the sea shore of Tel Aviv. She was with him when he was killed, and later identified two suspects as the killers. There were three suspects arrested, all members of the Zionist Revisionist movement, and their arrest and trial (all were acquitted — one of them on appeal) led to conflicts and physical violence between the Labour camp and the Revisionists.

Sima, according to her son Shaul, wrote a book about her husband's last years, but it will be some time before it is published. She is also survived by her daughter, Nava. The funeral will take place tomorrow.

"FURIM MONTH" events at the Israel Museum will feature lectures and films on Japanese theatre every Wednesday during March at 8 p.m. and a festival of Charlie Chaplin films on Tuesdays at 3.30, 6.00 and 8.30 p.m.

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our dear

## Eng. PAUL KNUEPFFER

The funeral will take place on Thursday, March 4, 1976, at 3.30 p.m. at the Greek Orthodox Cemetery near Kfar Samir.

A funeral service will be held at the Greek Orthodox Church (near the Shikmona Post Office) at 3.00 p.m.

## HIS FRIENDS

We share the deep sorrow of Lily Tiktin and the family of Elana and Eddie Caspi on the passing of

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## Catholics quiet on Goren plea for recognition

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

CHIEF RABBI Shlomo Goren yesterday told representatives of the Vatican that he was "amazed" at its failure to recognize the State of Israel, and he expressed hope that normal relations between the two would be established.

The Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi was speaking to members of the Liaison Committee on Catholic-Jewish Relations (12 Catholics and 17 Jews) at his office in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Goren said that cooperation between Jews and Christians must be on a humanitarian, rather than a religious, level, and there must be an effort to end hatred between religious groups. Raising a Bible, Rabbi Goren said he was holding the charter of the State of Israel. He denounced the anti-Zionist resolution passed recently against the Jewish State by a conference of Christians and Moslems in Tripoli.

Father de Cotonen, the secretary of the Catholic delegation, did not respond to the Chief Rabbi's appeal for Vatican recognition, but he did say that the Vatican opposed the anti-Zionist expressions in the Tripoli document and supported the right of the Jews to a secure and independent state.

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, who met with some of the committee separately, discussed repression of Jews in the Soviet Union and in Syria. Rabbi Dr. Joseph Lookstein, head of Bar-Ilan University, chancellor of the Synagogue Council of America, and chairman of the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations (which formed the Jewish part of the dialogue) told The Jerusalem Post that the first two days of the three-day discussions had been "very polite, sincere and fraternal."

The Catholics, he said, were very knowledgeable about Israel, and several of them even spoke Hebrew. At a memorial service Rabbi Lookstein conducted yesterday morning at Yad Vashem, one of the priests sang a Psalm in Hebrew to a Gregorian chant. The Catholics, led by Msgr. Raymond Torella, included an archbishop, a bishop, the author of a respected book on anti-Semitism, a professor of philosophy and an historian.

The committee is expected to issue a joint statement regarding their closed sessions today.

## Spot-checks net IL1m. in unpaid school fees

By ERNIE MEYER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Spot-checking 850 applications for reduced high school fees saved the Education Ministry over IL1m. in five months.

Last September the ministry's graded fees department hired investigators to check a sample number of applications out of the more than 100,000 it handles every year. (Only 20 per cent of pupils pay full fees, the other 80 per cent enjoy reductions graded to their parents' income. Fees range up to IL2,500 a year.)

The investigators found many "inaccuracies" in applications, most of which failed to state that a pupil's mother, in addition to the father, was working. Many self-employed parents submitted monthly salary slips which apparently made them eligible for reductions. (Some reported salaries low enough to qualify them

for welfare.) What they failed to report were end-of-year profits and other bonuses which put them into income groups required to pay full fees. The income tax authorities helped the ministry in its inquiries, the ministry spokesman said yesterday.

As a result of the investigations many parents are writing in to correct information on their original applications. A large group of parents have also declared that they are now willing to forgo all reductions, as long as they don't have to declare their incomes, the spokesman said.

In a number of cases the ministry has succeeded in collecting fees for the previous school year, which parents did not pay as a result of fraudulent declarations. In no case have parents refused to pay money they owe the ministry according to information supplied by investigators, the spokesman stressed.

## \$20m. hoax

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man identifying himself as Charles Aaron, of the law firm. He said that he represented Ernest Muller's estate, which included \$22m. — not \$20m. — for Israel.

The caller said that Muller's estate would go to provide care yesterday, and that he was sending over all the documents to the consulate later on Monday afternoon. No documents ever arrived.

Dan Hiram, the Israeli consul for consular affairs, who received the phone call, informed other Israeli officials in the consulate and Israeli economic officials in New York of the phone call.

But meanwhile, before the story could be confirmed, someone informed "Davar's" Washington correspondent, and the report was published.

The "Davar" story was picked up by international wire services in Tel Aviv yesterday and Israeli officials in Chicago were bombarded by enquiries throughout the day. It was very unpleasant

and in questionable taste, one Israeli official commented.

It seems that the Danish consulate in Chicago was also the victim of a similar hoax yesterday. A telephone caller, also claiming to represent the same law firm, said that a wealthy Jew in Chicago, who recently died, had left \$22m. in his estate for Denmark because he had been rescued during World War Two by the Danish underground. The story turned out to be untrue.

Israeli officials in Chicago speculated yesterday that the anonymous phone caller, who has not been caught by police as of late yesterday, may have been interested in embarrassing the law firm, and not the Israeli or Danish consulates.

One of the senior partners in the law firm is a former head of the United Jewish Appeal in Chicago. The real Charles Aaron told reporters yesterday that he knew nothing of any Ernest Muller.

## Bus kills woman in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A 60-YEAR-OLD woman from Rishon Le-Zion was killed yesterday by an Egged bus as she was crossing the road in front of Jerusalem's Rockefeller Museum.

Police said the driver, who continued on his way, had apparently not seen the woman or felt the collision. By last night, the bus suspected of having been involved had been driven to police headquarters for examination. The driver was reported to be out of town but a police spokesman said he would be questioned today.

The victim's name was not released. The accident occurred at 12.40 p.m.

## Offer: No Galilee development without land expropriation

By ASHEE WALLFISH  
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

THE KNESSET yesterday struck off its agenda an urgent motion by the one-man Moked faction to debate the Government's decision to expropriate 20,000 dunams of land in Galilee for development purposes.

Housing Minister Avraham Ofer, who replied to the Moked motion, said the Government and the various committees had taken the political implications of the development scheme into account in their decisions. But had they accepted the standpoint of the opponents of the development scheme, nothing would ever have been done in Galilee as far as development was concerned.

Ofer said that the Arabs whose lands had been expropriated in Upper Nazareth and in Carmel had not suffered economically by any means. Meanwhile Arab landowners with plots in the vicinity had benefited a great deal, he said.

The new Galilee scheme meant the Government buying up 4,000 dunams of Jewish land and 6,500 dunams of Arab land, all rocky, without buildings or tents, which was not providing a livelihood for anybody. The Government would award suitable compensation and, if possible, give

alternative plots in exchange.

Ofer said he did not know a single liberal Western democracy in which land was not expropriated much more rapidly than in Israel, to build entire suburbs and townships.

Some 2,000 dunams would be used to build housing for Arabs he noted. At a time when his Ministry's budgets were being cut, the minority population was getting double last year's housing budget, in 1976/77, while Druse IDF veterans were getting a sevenfold budget for housing.

Ofer said it was very easy to exploit land expropriation for purposes of incitement and to turn it into a political issue.

Meir Pail (Moked) said in his motion that when it came to expropriations the Arab community deserved a better deal than the Jews for political reasons. The Government ought to exercise maximum self-restraint in view of the profound crisis between the State and its Arab community.

Pail said the 6,500 dunams should not be expropriated from the doct and only with their consent.

The New Communist's Avraham Levenberg, who wanted the motion referred to Committee, said pro-

posals of peace would only become more remote if the land expropriation went through.

In the vote, Moked was supported by the New Communists and — unexpectedly by Eitan Livni (Likud-Herut).

Livni explained later to The Jerusalem Post that he wanted the issue referred to Committee — so that the Moked members, in the public would have a forum where they could complain, state their case and receive a personal and persuasive explanation. He said it was possible to carry out the expropriations without leaving a side of bitterness as long as there was human contact and dialogue. He said he was sure that the law would be executed fairly and that the compensation would be appropriate.

Mapam's Eliezer Ronen abstained on the vote. His wing of the Alignment later explained that they wanted the Government to produce a detailed plan for parallel Arab development in Galilee which took housing, employment and other factors into account. Mapam's Chaim Grossman will present a motion on the Galilee scheme in the near future.

## Likud threatens to end 'gentleman's agreement'

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"Charges of dodging the issue" and "ministerial absenteeism" continued to rattle the Knesset yesterday as the Likud opposition — in an angry letter to Speaker Israel Yeshayahu — threatened to cancel the "gentleman's agreement" governing introduction of motions for the agenda and private members' bills.

"We're sick and tired of being repeatedly put off by the House secretariat," Sammi Tweg, secretary of the Likud, told The Jerusalem Post last night. "If they (the Coalition) do not want to play the game right, we shall go by the book — the Knesset Rules."

Tweg was referring to several disappointments his faction has experienced of late when its members sought to present private bills or propose motions for the agenda.

According to Knesset procedure, such matters are raised on Wednesdays, while Government bills, general debates and urgent agenda motions are dealt with on the other two days the legislature sits — Mondays and Tuesdays.

With 38 MKs in the faction, the Likud is allocated three opportunities a week to take the floor on Wednesdays for presenting private members' bills or raising motions for the agenda. The deadline for filing these documents with the Knesset secretariat is noon on the preceding Monday.

Early Monday of last week, the Likud filed with the Knesset clerk a package of motions and bills — all of them within the parliamentary purview of Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz. However, the reply was, "Sorry, but Mr. Rabinowitz will be unable to appear on Wednesday."

So the Likud handed a different package of items to the clerk. These came within the scope of the Defence Ministers' office. A similar reply came soon: "Mr. Peres will be unable to attend on Wednesday."

Undaunted, the opposition tried again — this time with a selection of motions and bills to which the

attention of Transport Minister Gad Yacobi would normally be drawn. Again, the laconic answer: "Minister Yacobi will be not here on Wednesday."

With tenacity, Tweg dug into his docket and pulled out a bundle of motions and bills aimed at the ear of Labour Minister Moshe Baran. Success at last, he presumed, as the House clerk scanned his desk calendar and accepted the papers. However, a few hours later Tweg received a call from Baran's office. "Sorry," said the voice, "but your motions and bills were filed later than the 12 noon deadline. So Mr. Baran will be unable to accommodate you."

In the Likud's letter to Speaker Yeshayahu yesterday, faction chairman Moshe Nisim appeals to the Speaker to use his influence to get

Cabinet Ministers to come to the Knesset on Wednesdays. Otherwise, he hints, the "unofficial arrangement" calling for holding motions and private bills for the personal attention of pertinent Ministers will be scrapped. Such a move could prove embarrassing to the government, if the Minister was not on hand to reply to the opposition motion.

On Monday, Yeshayahu — prodded by the Likud's Ze'ev Shoval — interrupted the Knesset session for 40 minutes because there was no Minister on the floor. The session resumed only after Minister of Commerce Haim Bar-Lev was located.

The situation was slightly improved yesterday. At about 5.30 p.m. two of the Government's 19 Ministers were in their seats.

## 'Party of the young' comes to the Knesset

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

THE NEW GENERATION Party made its first public appearance outside the Knesset yesterday in a licensed demonstration on the hill opposite the Palombo Gates. The score or so participants rubbed shoulders with protesting porters from Ben-Gurion Airport (see separate story).

The New Generation Party demonstrators were all less than middle-aged, and the propaganda they distributed stressed the need for younger people to run the country.

Bureaucracy should be eliminated, public services trimmed, monopolies curbed, and manpower encouraged to move from services to production, the NGP said. There should be a written constitution, and the electoral system should be reformed, so as to make for closest possible ties between the public and its representatives.

The structure of the Knesset should be radically changed, and

new unions formed which represent the workers and their interests without the intermediary of the professional politicians. Sport, housing, health and education should also be de-politicized, the NGP propaganda said.

In its political tall-piece the NGP sheet wrote that the Golan Heights, Sharm e-Sheikh, Jerusalem and the Jordan Valley rift are vital for Israel's security. The fate of the remaining occupied areas should be determined in a referendum.

## LANGDON-ILANI

The marriage took place in London.

February 23, 1976

between STEPHEN S. LANGDON, son of A. John and Georgina Langdon, Scotland

and DORIT SUSAN, daughter of Efram and Ilse Tami, Jerusalem.



U.S. TREASURY Secretary William Simon receiving an honorary doctorate at Tel Aviv University yesterday. University president Haim Ben-Shahar is on the right. (Keren)

## Simon says gov't must reduce trade controls

Jerusalem Post Staff

U.S. TREASURY Secretary William E. Simon yesterday called on Israel to remove unnecessary and burdensome government controls so as to facilitate international trade.

Mr. Simon was speaking after receiving an honorary doctorate from Tel Aviv University, which was conferred on him in the presence of Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz.

"One answer to Israel's economic problems lies in increasing capital investment," Mr. Simon continued. "The U.S. is thus working with Israel to involve private American firms in Israel and to help improve the climate for investment, he said."

He stressed that the effectiveness of outside assistance depends on an increase in productivity and not "on increased transfers of wealth, which are one-time in nature."

Simon said that "the most urgent task is to restore to the world economy the foundation for sustainable, durable, non-inflationary growth." A fundamental principle in today's world must be "to reduce trade and investment barriers between nations."

In his address, Prof. Haim Ben-Shahar, president of Tel Aviv University, lauded Mr. Simon's "understanding and sympathy for Israel." Defence Minister Shimon Peres yesterday urged visiting Mr. Simon to help Israel expand its arms industry. A greater capability by Israel to produce a wider variety and quantity of weapons would benefit the U.S. as well as Israel, he said.

At a meeting in Jerusalem, Haim Bar-Lev, Minister of Commerce and Industry, told Simon that by the time the U.S.-Israel Council of Economic Advisors meets in June, the new Insurance Law will be in force, solving among other things the problems created for foreign investors by Israel's periodic mini-devaluations.

He suggested that Opic (the Overseas Private Investment Corporation) in the U.S. provide finance directly for American investments here, instead of confining itself to insurance and guarantees.

Simon promised to consider Bar-Lev's suggestions — including the idea that the U.S. Army in Europe should become a customer for Israel's fruit and vegetable exports.

A religious school will be named after William Simon, thanks to a \$1m. donation made by Jewish businessman Shmuel Flatto-Sharon. The cheque was handed over at a ceremony in the Jerusalem Hilton in the presence of Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef.

The school will be established by the ITRI Tora Research Institute, headed by Rabbi Mordechai Olshank, who is a friend of Mr. Simon.

The Minister was a luncheon guest at the Prime Minister's Jerusalem home yesterday. Secretary Simon told TV interviewers on the Moked programme last night that U.S. aid can be relied on in the longer term. But the best way to secure a flow of investments would be to secure a just and lasting peace with the Arabs, he said.

## Soldiers' suicide

(Continued from page 1)

terms for being absent without leave from their units. The coroner found that they had behaved normally during the time they were in prison, including the night of their suicide. They were both healthy in mind and body and neither showed any signs of stress, he said.

He pointed out that both had tried to persuade army mental health officers that they were not suitable for military service and should be discharged from the IDF. But in both cases, doctors had found that they did not require urgent attention.

The coroner said that cell mates testified at the inquest that on the night of their death the two men had remained awake talking to each other in an Indian language, but no one had heard any unusual noises coming from the shower room, apart from a private in an isolation cell who said he heard gurgling and groans, but thought nothing of them.

The coroner found that the two men were found hanging by their necks from the shower pipes. Nowgorkar's hands were tied behind his back and there was a cord connecting the arms of the two men running over the division between the two cubicles in which they were found. Two tin cans were found lying on the floor of the cubicles.

The coroner pointed out that the pathologist who examined the bodies of the two men had found that the two had died by hanging and

that there were no signs of violence on the bodies. He too had expressed the opinion that the men had committed suicide.

The inquest was requested by the Nowgorkar and Charikar families. The lawyer representing the Charikar and Nowgorkar families last night told The Jerusalem Post that they cannot accept the coroner's verdict and will continue to press for further investigation until justice is done. The next step may possibly be a public opinion campaign directed at obtaining Knesset action on the matter, lawyer Haim Kaid said.

Kaid added that he could only regret the rejection of his request to conduct an independent inquiry, allowing him to question soldiers without their fearing reprisals by their superior officers. (Him)

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## Arab population now earning more than most Jews

**HAIFA.** — The average annual income of an Arab family has surpassed that of a Jewish family of the oriental communities (slightly more than half the total Jewish population) and now stands at IL23,200.

The average annual income of a Jewish oriental family is IL20,600.

The Government's Statistical Report for 1975, just published, which cites these figures, states that, in 1968, the incomes were still about equal, but since then incomes among the Arab population have been growing faster.

The report also states that the number of Arab boys attending school grew 13 times since 1948, that of Arab girls 40 times. The number of Arab University students went up from 15 to 2,600.



**AFTER 57 YEARS:** Isidore Markunes, 87, arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday to visit his four sisters, whom he had not seen since he was 30. The family was originally Turkish and two of the

sisters flew in from Istanbul. The other two live here and Mr. Markunes lives in New Jersey, U.S.

(Israel Sun)

## Brief intensification of airport customs strike

**B-G AIRPORT.** — The customs clerks here yesterday intensified their three-day partial strike but after two hours cancelled the additional sanctions. The action was taken to back up the employees' demand that the authorities pay for cleaning the uniforms as they do for Transport Ministry employees who work at the airport.

The striking clerks are refusing to hand over unaccompanied imported items and are not allowing persons with official passes to enter the customs hall. During the short-lived intensification period yesterday they also refused to man the departure counters. An invitation by the Assistant Director-General of the Finance Ministry to meet with the striking workers this morning convinced them to drop the additional sanctions.

Economy-move dismissals of 13 luggage and cargo handlers at the airport last month led to an emotional demonstration outside the Knesset yesterday.

"I want my job back!" cried Avraham Mashivill-Mashiah, who

arrived here from Kuluski, Soviet Georgia, five years ago.

Like the other demonstrators, Mashivill-Mashiah accused the Ben-Gurion Airport workers council of conspiring with the management to keep the work rolls trimmed. Most of the laid off workers said they reject job opportunities anywhere but at the terminal.

One of the demonstrators complained his dismissal came just one week after he had been granted job permanency and assigned a permanent work grade.

According to the men, cargo vehicles which by international norms should be manned by four handlers and two drivers are now being worked by a pair of handlers and a single driver.

In the afternoon the men were received by Shoshana Arbeli-Almouk, chairman of the Knesset Labour Committee. After hearing their complaints, she advised them to accept jobs elsewhere.

But the cargo handlers told her they insisted on working at the airport, and left angered.

## Underworld turns to heroin

**TEL AVIV.** — The underworld has apparently decided to shift its drug traffic to heroin, a police inspector said here yesterday.

Heroin, said Inspector Danny Mercoz, is more profitable to drug pushers, and users become addicted to it much more quickly than to other drugs. Apparently a large quantity of the drug has been smuggled into the country recently, and the police are trying to track it down.

Inspector Mercoz said this at the Magistrates Court, where he asked for the remand of Moshe Habura, 38, of Bat Yam. He is suspected of being part of the heroin distribution ring. The police on Saturday seized 151 grams of the drug, valued at IL900,000, at the Tel Aviv home of his brother, Haim Habura.

Moshe, who denied any connection to the affair, was remanded for 10 days. Haim had earlier been remanded for 15.

## National Breweries sold to Canadians

**By ARTHUR KEMELMAN**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV.** — Ownership of National Breweries, the country's sole beer producer, passed yesterday from the Robinson family to Murray Goldman, of Toronto, and Schwarz Services International Ltd., an affiliate of Labatt Breweries of Canada. The breweries were sold in an all-cash deal amounting to approximately \$8m.

Negotiations for the sale of the breweries have been underway since the death of William Robinson last June and the subsequent discovery that his Israel assets had been mortgaged to rescue his son Michael's foundering bank in Basel. The proceeds of yesterday's deal will go to pay off these debts.

Announcing the sale yesterday, Mr. Goldman said that an additional \$7m. is to be invested in developing and expanding the breweries over the next five years. Immediate plans call for the expansion of breweries in Netanya and Migdal Haemek.

Shmuel Dror, who will continue as general manager of National Breweries, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the expansion programme will emphasize exports. At present the company's beer exports to America come to about \$100,000 a year and an equivalent amount is exported to Europe.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said that National Breweries will be granted approved enterprise status for its expansion programme.

Schwarz Services International Ltd., operating over the past 30 years in the brewery business, will be providing the Israel breweries with technical and managerial assistance.

Goldman is a director of Clal and the largest individual shareholder in that company.

## Timna men ask quadruple payment

**By JOSHUA BRILLIANT**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV.** — The workers in the Timna copper mines yesterday demanded that their severance pay be four times the standard rate. But their works committee agreed to examine a Histadrut proposal that the rate vary with seniority. The state-owned mines are due to be shut down because they are losing money.

Following a meeting with Shimon Gilman, at Histadrut headquarters here, the committee members flew to Eilat to discuss the proposal with the men they represent.

The discussions here followed Monday's meeting with the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Haim Bar-Lev, who offered the standard rate of one month's pay for every year on the job. (The workers had earned IL4,000-IL5,000 a month there.) But the workers appealed to Histadrut Secretary-General Yeruhim Meshel who said later the pay should not be less than given to the miners dismissed last year who received two months pay for every year's work.

## First birth for Yamit

**BEERSHEBA.** — The first child born to Yamit settlers was delivered yesterday at the Soroka medical centre here.

The father, Zion Malichi, decided to give his daughter the name of the new port town in northern Sinai — Yamit.

Mother and daughter were reported well and the town's residents are already planning the party they will hold in a few days — when Yamit returns to Yamit.

## English-speaking immigrants confer on quality of life

**By LEA LEVAVI**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV.** Over 900 suggestions for improving the 'quality of life' in Israel were proposed at yesterday's conference of Koah Kan — a group of over 500 English-speaking immigrants and other interested citizens who held at the Tel Aviv Hotel.

A coordinating committee has been formed to review the proposals and to bring the resulting plans for action to the attention of government agencies, service organizations and the public. Contact will be maintained with all conference participants (over 800, including those who attended Monday evening's opening session) so that their desire to "do something" can be channelled through existing organizations.

Wiso and Moeztet Hapoolat jointly declared they will accept Koah Kan's programmes as part of their own activities.

The conference's four workshops discussed: road manners and safety, general manners and etiquette, consumerism and ecology. Rabbi Louis Rabinowitz, former Chief Rabbi of South Africa, addressed the conference.

The conference was the brainchild of members of the South African Zionist Federation who were joined in the initiative by the Zionist Federations of Britain, Australia and New Zealand and the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel.

## Revamped XI face N. Ireland today

**TEL AVIV.** — A Northern Ireland national soccer team consisting almost entirely of players in the English First Division will provide the final test for the Israeli national side in Jaffa today, prior to the Olympic Games qualifying matches at the end of this month. The game kicks-off at the Bloomfield stadium at 5.30.

Local fans will give an especially warm welcome to goalkeeper Pat Jennings, of Tottenham, who on Sunday was voted 'Footballer of the Year' in Britain by the Professional Footballers Association.

Coach David Schweitzer has made several changes from the Israel side which performed poorly in the 0:1 defeat by Denmark. Yossi Sorinov takes over from Visoker in goal. The Beersheba Hapool pair of Alon Ben-Dor in defence and Meir Barad are in the lineup and Haifa Hapool's Eli Leventhal returns to the side.

The surprise is the exclusion of Uri Malmilian, the promising young Jerusalem Betar midfielder player. Schwartz chose Tel Aviv Maccabi's Yaron Oz instead.

Inte Irish side, Alan Hunter of Ipswich and Pat Rice of Arsenal will be the keymen in defence. Leading the attack will be Brian Hamilton of Everton, Spence and left-winger Feeney of Glentworth.

In last year's national games, Northern Ireland beat Yugoslavia 1:0, Norway 3:0, and drew with England 0:0. The Irishmen also lost 1:2 to Sweden, 0:1 to Scotland and 0:1 to Yugoslavia.

Lineup: Israel: Sorinov, Lev, Ben-Dor, Nimai, Shum (capt.), Oz, Schweitzer, Danti, Barad, Leventhal.

N. Ireland — Jennings, Scott, Nichol, Hunter, Rice, Nelson, Hamilton, McGrath, Anderson, Spence, Feeney.

## Israeli bowlers beat U.S. fours

**JOHANNESBURG.** — The U.S. fours team suffered its first defeat in the world bowls championships yesterday, being beaten 20-15 by Israel.

In the singles, Doug Watson (South Africa) and Dick Folkins (U.S.) were at full stretch to maintain their unbeaten records.

In one of the most exciting finishes seen at the championship, Watson beat the burly Western Samson, Tolova's Simoa, by 21 to 20. Folkins edged Israel's Matt Gordon 21 to 19.

With the U.S. losing in the seventh round four, only South Africa and Australia remain unbeaten in the event, each with 14 points. South Africa yesterday beat Western Samoa, 27-15, with Australia gaining a 31-10 victory over Guernsey.

But Australia is in top spot with a better shot score of 113 to 101.

**SHORTWEIGHTS** of 12 grams in 15 of their 1,000 gm bags of sugar cost the Hatzafon packing firm of Haifa IL1,000 fine in the Haifa Magistrates Court this week.

## Plans to beautify beaches, streets

**TEL AVIV.** — Plans to create model beaches and streets and to beautify neighbourhoods in various development settlements are included in the IL2m. work programme of the Council for a Beautiful Israel for the coming fiscal year.

Yitzhak Livni, president of the council, told a news conference yesterday that it would organize, in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior, a design competition for beach chairs, sunshades, showers, lifeguard shelters and tar-removal conveniences.

Suggestions for the design of street furniture, including benches, rubbish bins, notice boards, kiosks and taxi ranks were also welcomed. Livni said. The winning design will be listed in a catalogue that will be sent to all the local authorities.

Ofadim was elected as the model development town to benefit from the council's plans and Sadot was chosen as the model moshav (Itim)

## IL5,000 fine for jaywalker

**TEL AVIV.** — A pedestrian who crossed the street against the red light was this week fined IL5,000 by the local Magistrate's Court.

The accused refused to identify himself to the policeman who attempted to write him a ticket and fled when she tried to take him to the police station.

A short while after the incident, which occurred in June 1973, the policeman happened to meet the offender again.

The accused, a Tel Aviv resident who is currently abroad and was represented by a lawyer, entered pleas of guilty. (Itim)

## Man wanted in Indiana tells Post it's all lies

**By ARTHUR KEMELMAN**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**HADERA.** — A man indicted in the U.S. for income tax evasion and extortion, and now living "somewhere in Israel," yesterday rejected the charges against him as "all lies." The denial by Dov Cohen was made through his sister, Mrs. Judith Kessler, of Hadera. Mr. Cohen himself refused to speak with this reporter.

A special grand jury in Hammond, Indiana, last week charged Cohen, 56, with extorting \$47,230 in pay-offs from building contractors doing business with the city of Gary in 1971 and 1972. Cohen was assistant city engineer at the time, and is reported to have had considerable authority with contractors.

Details of the investigation and indictment have been published in the "Chicago Tribune." The reports say that, in the autumn of 1972,

Cohen suddenly resigned his city post and moved to Florida, where he bought two large apartment buildings. He "fled to Israel last spring after learning he was to be subpoenaed by the special grand jury investigating official corruption in North-west Indiana."

Mrs. Kessler told *The Jerusalem Post* that her brother had been living with her but then moved on. She declined to reveal his new address or even telephone number, but she agreed to call her brother and ask him to meet with this reporter. Cohen refused. Mrs. Kessler quoted her brother as saying that the whole affair is of no interest to him; he does not want to hear about it; and that it is all a bluff.

Indiana officials are reportedly intending to seek Cohen's extradition. The Israel police have not yet received an extradition request.



**THE SHEMMER SPANNER**, demonstrated by its inventor, Moshe Sheffer, an eleventh-year student at the Yed-Singulovsky Ort Vocational high school. It won a prize from the Weizmann Institute in a contest for inventions by students. Moshe's spanner can handle various sizes of hexagonal bolt heads or the nuts, by fitting them into a tapering slot of the same spanner.

## Ma'alot councillor quits in protest

**MA'ALOT.** — The Deputy Chairman of the Local Council, Shimon Mark, has resigned from his salaried post and from membership in the Council in protest against alleged Government indifference towards this development town.

Last month Mark urged all the Council members, including the Chairman, to resign collectively. When they hesitated, he resigned alone.

In a letter to the Prime Minister, the Interior Minister and the Commerce and Industry Minister (who is in charge of development areas)

Mark writes that, because of the conditions of employment here, the Local Council cannot provide proper services to the population.

He said the Council's accounting department did not function and was behind in collecting rates and debts and in paying suppliers who had submitted their bills months ago; the banks did not honour the Council's drafts; the Council lacked a secretary; and the Interior Ministry would not help.

He charged there was no cooperation between the various Government agencies concerned. A vicious circle which he could not break.

Mark is now looking for another job.

## U.S. Christian parley here

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

More than 800 Christian pilgrims from the U.S. are to open a "Spirit of '76" conference at the Diplomat Hotel in Jerusalem on Thursday. One of the aims of the conference is to express solidarity with the people of Israel.

The conference was organized by actor and singer Pat Boone, who has arranged several previous such conferences in Israel, and Bible teacher George Otis, author of "Ghost of Hager," which deals with prophecies concerning the Middle East.

## Representative to Feminist parley

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

**TEL AVIV.** — The Israel Feminist Movement stated yesterday that its official representative to the current "international court on crimes against women" in Brussels, is Joanne Yaron — and not Marcia Freedman, M.K.

Mrs. Yaron is editor of the publication "This Week in Israel." Her trip to Belgium was partially financed by the Foreign Ministry.

Mrs. Freedman is attending in her capacity as Knesset Member, and not on behalf of the feminist movement as was erroneously reported on Monday.

Both women happen to be immigrants from the U.S.

## EDUCATION FOR "DIZENGOFF CULTURE" — ISRAEL'S RUIN

The need of the hour: a fundamental change in the educational objective of government schools

Tel Aviv secondary school pupils think of themselves in these terms:

We, today's youth, have no real culture, only "Dizengoff Culture".... help us find our way... I should be the closest to Jewish culture, but unaided it's very difficult to get into it... they don't teach you your heritage. They don't help you towards national identity... that you are a Jew, of this you learn nothing. That's what they call "Dizengoff Culture".... emigration is another thing resulting from lack of Jewish values.

(Ma'ariv, Feb. 13, "Secondary School Pupils Speak Their Mind")

In a memorandum submitted to the Minister of Education by the Ministry's Chief Scientist, it is stated that the most important factor leading to emigration is lack of Jewish and Zionist identification.

A noteworthy finding of research into the subject is that there is almost no emigration by religious Jews.

Education for "Dizengoff Culture" is bringing ruin on society and the country. The educational system used in government schools is bankrupt.

The time has come to acknowledge that only education designed to teach values, education based on the Torah and Jewish culture, can give youth the strength of spirit now necessary for a Jew living in Israel.

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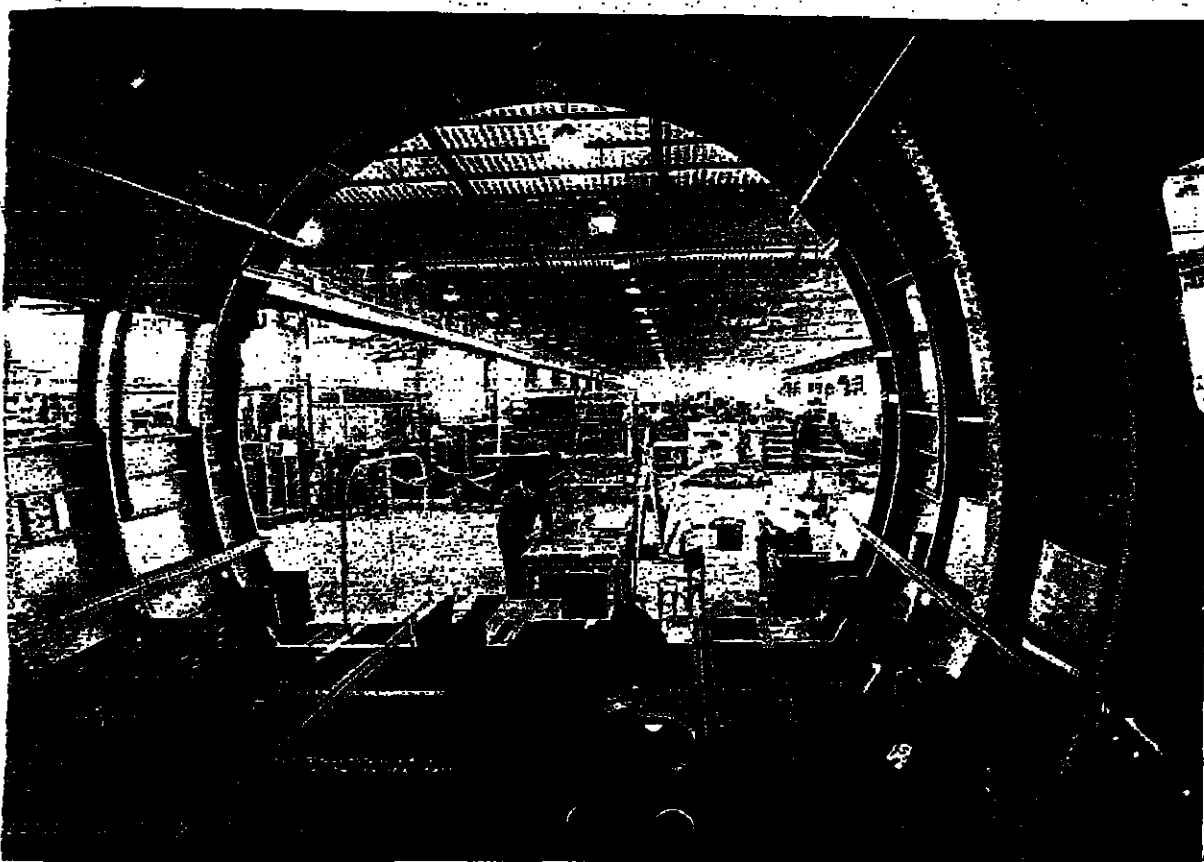












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## No substitute for peace

ISRAELI OFFICIALS in Jerusalem are still busy trying to figure out the possible meaning of the "end-of-war" formula suggested by the U.S. as the most promising recipe for talks with the Arabs. In Washington at the same time U.S. officials are showing much less interest in a precise definition of their legal invention than in the extent of withdrawal which Israel might stage under the formula.

This is just what should have been expected. The Government of Israel was on firm ground when it voted, just before the Prime Minister's departure for the U.S. last month, for the reconvening of the Geneva peace conference, under the original terms of reference and with the original list of invitees. The Government's stand was clearly buttressed by Dr. Kissinger's assurances to Mr. Allon upon the signing of the Sinai accord last September. These stated, quite explicitly, that the U.S. agreed with Israel that the next agreement with Egypt should be a final peace agreement, and that the same should apply in the case of Jordan "under the existing political conditions."

It now appears, however, that in the American view political conditions have been completely transformed by the refusal of Syria to take any part in the Geneva conference, and by the insistence of the Soviet Union, as co-sponsor, that the PLO also be invited to participate. Thus the whole idea of Geneva has suddenly become a "non-starter," and resort is being had again to the same prescription for an interim settlement which was discarded during the Sinai discussions with Egypt.

But this formula is still unacceptable to the Arabs, as the reactions from Cairo, Damascus and Amman have proved as soon as the proposal was embraced by the Israel Government 10 days ago. With varying degrees of vehemence the Arab countries have consistently chosen to equate the end-of-war with the only kind of peace they will ever — or, at least, in this generation — have with Israel. And for this sort of "passive" peace — which Israel has now advertised, with ill-advised enthusiasm, as being but a hair's breadth away from the genuine article, "active" peace — the Arabs still want nothing less than all-out Israeli withdrawal, and "recognition of the national rights of the Palestinians."

Thus the old formula has no sooner been brandished, than it turned out to be a "non-starter" itself. But Dr. Kissinger apparently believes that it could help win time for the U.S. in this critical year. The only problem is to assure that the emphasis is not on what the Arabs can give, but on what they should receive. In the shadow of the Arab guns, whole chunks of territory are to be traded for ill-defined bits of non-belligerence.

In defence of the Cabinet's decision, Mr. Rabin has argued, in a press interview, that an outright rejection of the new American initiative would have placed upon Israel the insufferable burden of setting back prospects for a settlement. This is surely a most weighty consideration. Israel cannot ignore the wishes and interests of the U.S. in the Middle East, any more than it can have peace without major territorial concessions to the Arabs.

But by the same token it is intolerable that any peace option, however liberal, which Israel puts forward, even with American consent, should be declared closed merely because the Arab states, or their Soviet patrons, have refused to explore it.

Israel has no reason to regret the conclusion of the Sinai accord. President Sadat's stern warning to Syria this week against any attempt to drag Egypt into a war with Israel next spring is merely added proof of the wisdom of that interim measure. But the utility of step-by-step diplomacy, as the Egyptian President himself contends, has now been exhausted. The time has come to grapple with the real issues of real peace.

IN DISCUSSIONS of Soviet Jewry, spiritual-religious factors are often relegated to a secondary level. Much more attention is given to Soviet repression, anti-Semitism in Russia, or to the difficulties of absorption in Israel.

This is the result of superficial contact with the subject, and it makes for profound error.

The Kremlin is, of course, doing its utmost to smother the movement for aliya; and doubts about Israel's economic and security situation do have an adverse effect on potential immigrants. But if the positive motivations for coming to the Holy Land were as strong as they had been several years ago, aliya would not be smothered out.

The strengthening of the moral and spiritual life in Israel would spur on the faltering aliya movement in Russia. One problem is that too few of the activists in Russia are qualified as educators or propagators of Jewish spiritual values.

THE BOLSHEVIKS always concentrated on one aspect of the "Jewish question": the spiritual heritage of the Jews and the tie with a tradition which was decreed by the establishment of the State of Israel.

And up to the present, the Communists' main target has been not the physical existence of the Jews, nor even their key positions in science, economy and industry, but Jewish spiritual life.

The Bolsheviks, according to their own signs, were consistent: they refused to acknowledge that the Jews were a people and they attacked the Jewish spirit and tradition which had no place in the materialist framework of Marxist materialism.

IN LATE January, Egged drivers escalated their week-long strike — which had paralysed most of the country's passenger services — by driving their buses into the main streets and deliberately snarling rush-hour traffic. Two Haifa residents applied within an hour for a district court injunction against the drivers, and the judge promptly complied. The order restrained the drivers until further notice from using their buses for any but legal purposes.

Within seven days, the two citizens — a pedestrian and a car owner — filed claims for compensation from Egged: IL5 each. While the case was pending, the injunction remained in force.

The deliberate sabotaging of traffic had been costly (in petrol consumed and in thousands of lost working hours); and dangerous (a security risk), wrote the lawyer for the two claimants to the Attorney General, inviting his participation in the suit on behalf of the nation.

The reply from the Attorney General's office, dated two weeks later, was brief and to the point: "As the Egged strike is over, the Acting Legal Adviser to the Government is of the view there is no public interest now in pursuing this case, and he therefore sees no reason to join it."

Confronted with this definition of the "public interest" by the most senior official of the Justice Ministry, the two residents dropped their claims against Egged. The injunction is no longer in force. If Egged drivers choose to hold up traffic again in our towns over a grievance against a Government department they will be at least from being charged with contempt of court.

Citizen initiatives on public matters is a rare plant in Israel, and only extreme conditions bring it forth. There was a flurry of actions after the Yom Kippur War. But most

## What Soviet Jews want

Herman Branover says there is a strong feeling for Jewish spiritual values among the Jews of the Soviet Union. He urges that the institutions handling aliya should emphasize the religious aspects of living in Israel as one way of drawing Russian Jewry.

The material and professional position of the Jews in the Soviet Union has always been highly satisfactory. Jews were found in the upper echelons of society and they often achieved a higher standing than their gentile neighbours. But at the same time, there was continuous anti-Semitism from both above and from below. The Jews accommodated, and learned to function with anti-Semitism as a constant factor.

There were periods of massive repression, when even the utmost loyalty to the regime did not guarantee the security of the Jew. But in the last 20 years, or so, loyalty to the Soviet regime demonstrated by a quick and voluntary assimilation, has insured a measure of security. A Jew could live tranquilly, be well-fitted materially, hold a satisfying job, enjoy an active cultural life, and sometimes take trips beyond the Soviet borders. He could even afford (not entirely secretly) to curse the authorities.

Naturally, there was always the feeling of not enjoying equal rights — a Russian, a Ukrainian or a Latvian had a different worth before the powers that be. There might be the lingering sensation left by a personal insult at work. But this alone was not sufficient reason to break with all that was familiar, to set out across the sea, to begin everything all over again. There was neither objective nor subjective need to seek a refuge somewhere, since there was no crisis, nothing to escape. What was missing, what was actually impossible for a Jew in the Soviet Union was the opportunity to find Jewish spiritual values, to be part of a Jewish mode of life, to learn Jewish culture, to assert Jewish national pride.

IT IS NOT surprising, therefore, that the movement to emigrate started first of all within two categories of Russian Jewry. First, there were the adherents of Zionism and Jewish nationalism, who were found mostly in regions incorporated into the Soviet Union at a later date: the Baltic states, Moldavia and Western Ukraine. And secondly, there were the religious including Hassidic groups, and Carpathian and Georgian Jews.

These two main groups were the first to demand visas back in 1955-56.

After that, a chain reaction followed: the success of one family in the battle for an exit visa stimulated at least two other families into filing immigration papers.

Some of the spiritual-moral spurs to aliya included books, musical recordings, and radio programmes sent from Israel. One milestone was the famous "Rumbulski Epik." Over a period of years, a memorial was built in the Rumbulski forest near Riga, site of the Nazi massacre of the entire Riga ghetto. Hundreds of Jewish boys and girls volunteered for the project, which started in 1961; and it was here that they discovered their Jewish self-consciousness.

Another major influence on the aliya movement was the widespread activity of the Lubavitcher Hassidim, who propagated Torah and a Jewish mode of thinking.

So, over a period of years, a substantial layer of tens of thousands of potential olim was formed. A relatively large number of these left in 1967-68 via Poland. In the following years, the number of applications for visas directly to Israel began to increase steadily.

In 1967, not long before the Six Day War, the Soviets loosened the reins enough to allow several families leave. Exit permits were suspended after the Six Day War. However, the Baltic states several families suddenly received permission to leave in 1968. This was the first time young people of army age — and their holders of advanced degrees — were allowed to leave.

This group was composed mainly of former Zionists — or of religious youth. From that time, the numbers increased, reaching more than 4,000 individuals per month at the end of 1973. Now, naturally, people left who had nothing in common with either religion or Zionism. However, the majority of them were affected by the influence of one or both of these factors, and the prime motive for departure still spiritual-religious.

The situation has changed in 1974. The number of olim has steadily dropped. A new trend arose: some of those allowed to leave went to America, Australia, or Germany. There were fewer reasons to come to Israel. And Soviet regime stepped up its repression of the aliya movement.

What is to be done? Our institutions handling immigration should re-direct attention to spiritual and religious aspects of aliya. This approach will have the strategy in efforts to draw Soviet Jewry. (Herman Branover is Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Ben-Gurion University, Beer-Sheva. Prof. Branover, who came to the Soviet Union three years ago, is chairman of the Association of Jewish Scientists from the USSR and the European.)

## 'World's top complainers'



Haifa residents take their city seriously. Ya'acov Ardon reports.

It withered after a few weeks. Indignation is not generally a durable emotion, and most people get over it after a hearty meal or a good night's sleep. Only when their personal and immediate interests are affected will citizens rise to defend them, or to assert their rights.

Recently, 200 residents of Rehov Einsteim, in the Ahuzim Quarter of Haifa joined forces, hired a lawyer and called a press conference to fight against the municipality's plan to erect a building project close to their homes. The project would more than double the population density permitted in that area under the city's own outline plan (which itself has not yet been approved).

Among the 200 residents are some of Haifa's leading citizens. But not until incompetent city planning — which has been Haifa's lot for decades — reached Rehov Einsteim did any of its residents speak up for a more enlightened approach to town planning.

Articulate people rarely go beyond the writing of readers' letters to newspapers to protest against

abuses. And political parties are not much interested in mundane matters concerning the quality of life: bus transportation, violence, the price of farm produce. The average age of the political leadership in most parties is high and their main concern is to hold on, not to reform and improve. A few young Knesset members, by coincidence living between Benayima and Kiryat Shmona, have shown initiative which the party machines have failed to produce.

IT WAS THE enlightened mayor of Jerusalem who introduced the institution of the ombudsman to Israel. The term is Swedish. Over 150 years ago the Swedes, far ahead of most other nations in applying democracy to everyday life, set up this post to investigate citizens' complaints.

In Haifa, Mayors Abba Khoshni and Moshe Fleiman, rejected proposals to appoint an ombudsman at city hall. Public service did not have top priority under their regimes. Nor did the Labour Party branch in Haifa (which has always

been able to put an absolute majority into the city council) press for the appointment of an ombudsman.

Mayor Almog, who lived for years in Jerusalem and observed Mayor Kollek at work, finally pushed the city council to vote for an ombudsman. (The Labour Party faction on the council, which under Fleiman voted against proposals to install an ombudsman, now voted for it.)

Ombudsman Ya'acov Levy took up office in June 1974 and has now presented his first annual report, a painstaking and conscientious piece of work. He cites up-to-date data on the city: 1973 population 230,000, resident working people 85,000, out-of-town workers 30,000. Annual population growth is one per cent only, and the average age is 32.4 years, — national average is 25 (1971).

Summing up his view of the municipal landscape, the Ombudsman, a former university teacher, finds that Haifa is still struggling with shaping the policy as a metropolitan town, with solving immediate problems and long-term ambitions.

"It should adopt more progressive principles of management, methodical long-term planning. The slow growth of the city — certain conditions could count to improving the quality of life — to be regretted that at present facts do not bear out this assumption in respect of the ecology, physical environment, municipal planning should see to these shortcomings are eliminating."

IN HIS FIRST month in office Ombudsman received a flood of complaints, but since then the monthly quota has dropped to a steady 80, coming from quarters and all kinds of people.

"The percentage of unjustified, frivolous complaints is low," Levav. How often do the other nations complain? He figures: per 100,000 the number of complaints in Belgium (those justified account for one per cent), France 3.2 (36.6 per cent), Denmark 25.7 (18.5), Sweden (31.3), New Zealand 45 (21.5), Canada 49 (16.7), F.R.G. speaking Quebec 95 (39), (national average) 141 (Jerusalem (1967) 212 (44.5), (first year) 473 (65.2).

To put it another way: Haifa the world record in per number of complaints. And a sample justification for this. Ombudsman in Israel is more liberal in their understanding of what is a justified complaint even so it is apparent that municipal administrations much room for improvement the city's population is so sensitive to the town's coming. Haifa readers will be surprised to learn that most complaints (almost 63 per cent) were made about municipal services, followed by concerns concerning the various branches.

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#### Increasing independence on U.S.

DAVAT (Histadrut), describing U.S. Treasury Secretary William Simon as "one of the three key cabinet members in Pres. Ford's Administration," writes that his visit is "an additional demonstration of our increasing economic dependence on the United States." The paper points out that this reality has implications on the recent steps taken by the Government — in compliance with Washington's request to study a new initiative for abolishing the state of war with the Arab states. "But there is no guarantee that this initiative will be successful and there could well be other proposals put forward in the not too distant future."

HANODIA (Agudat Yisrael) writes

of Washington's request to investigate the possibility of doing away with the "state of belligerency," criticizing Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin for not having submitted this subject to the Cabinet "in an acceptable manner, which would have ensured a constructive debate thereon." As it is, the paper points out: "It is doubtful whether the publicity this debate has been given throughout the week, and all the details that have been gone into, can undo the damage caused to the actual move, nor explain away all the rumour. However, here, too, the saying 'better late than never' applies, even though not much else does."

### READERS' LETTERS

#### DAMAGING THE PUBLIC MORALE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — The implementation of VAT has been postponed and constitutes another instance where a shoddy, hesitant Government takes decisions without careful thought, only to withdraw under pressure or on the "discovery" of previously "unknown" facts. This happened with the tax on parents or the "immediate" closing of the Timna mines, the extension of censorship restrictions and the Egged subsidies. The policy of the Government which issues orders followed by counter-orders leads only to disorder and injures the country's faith and morale.

Is this the leadership that our people crave for so avidly? It is about time that the Labour Party leaders abandon their policy of giving primary consideration to party hegemony and pay due attention to the pernicious erosion of confidence and morale within the country at a time when it is threatened from without by the triple dangers of Soviet Russia, the Third World and the Arabs.

Will nothing shake our government leaders out of their euphoric trance?

MENACHEM SAYIDOR  
Tel Aviv, February 18.

#### BASIC LAWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — Allow me to correct a factual error which appeared in your editorial of February 19. There are five Basic Laws, not four as reported. The fifth is *Mechukat HaMedina*, State Economy, which was gazetted in Sefer HaHukkim No. 771 of July 31, 1975.

ESTHER MANN SNYDER,  
Law Librarian  
Bar-Ilan University  
Ramat Gan, February 22.

#### 'TRAVEL TAX RISE HITS ALIYA'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — I feel I must protest at the increase in travel tax. I feel that this new tax will greatly increase emigration. Not because the 'spoil newcomer' can't have his luxury holiday (as was suggested some time ago in your paper), but because some lonely newcomer can't visit his ageing parents, or feels left out of some family celebration.

When you consider that for us, a family of five, to visit parents abroad we have to accumulate the astonishing sum of IL6,000, before we even begin to pay for the tickets, we are overwhelmed, frustrated and feel really trapped. This must also be considered a deciding factor for many people contemplating aliya and must have discouraged many potential immigrants.

It is not the rich who will suffer by this increase, they will travel for their luxury holidays anyway. We came to Israel for many reasons, but whether my attitude is considered unreasonable or not, I feel that if I and my children cannot visit parents and grandparents once in a while, in England (not to mention the even worse predicament of Americans, South Africans, Australians and South Americans) then perhaps our reasoning to come here was all wrong.

JUNE BURTON  
Beer-Sheva, February 18.

#### PENFRIEND

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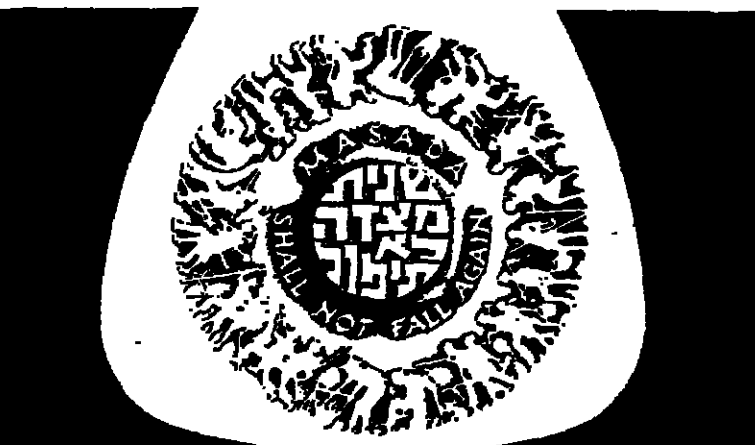
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